AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Exchange of information and experience on the subject is primarily organised through the forum of the Interpol (International Criminal Police Organisation) which circulates these to member countries and also holds conferences and seminars for international cooperation in the field. Useful and sensitive information of both strategic and opertional nature are received through the above arrangements and utilised by the Indian enforcement agencies.

Purchase of cordless telephones from ITI

2319. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have ordered for purchase of cordless telephones from Indian Telephone Industries, at higher prices, ignoring the existing capacity of the private manufacturers in the country, who offered to sell cordless telephones to Government at a lesser price; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which Government have not gone for a competitive rate as far as purchase of cordless telephones are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No orders have been placed on ITI for cordless telephones.

(b) Does not arise.

Lapse of Indian Embassy in USA regarding Amanullah Khan

2320. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Embassy in the USA did not have any information about the anti-India activities carried out by JKLF Chief Amanullah Khan overtly from the American soil, until wide coverage of the same was given in the Press;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Embassy officials were seeking his detention pending extradition before the American Courts even after he had left the USA in full public view by a KLM flight from New York; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any action to raise the efficiency of our Embassies abroad to avoid recurrence of such lapses?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The Indian Embassy has no means of monitoring the presence of foreign nationals in American territory. The presence of Amanullah Khan only came to be known as a result of his press conference in New York on 10th April.

(b) The Embassy continued to seek the extradition of Amanullah Khan until receiving official confirmation that he had fled from the U. S.

(c) The Embassy acted promptly and efficiently in pursuing this matter but could not be expected to prevent developments which were beyond its control. Therefore, the question of taking any action in this regard does not arise.